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- 1. In recent months there has been a radical change in the public opinion of Rumania in regard to the late Marshal Ion Antonescu, war-time pro-Nazi Fascist dictator, and former King Mihai. Large segments of the population, particularly the lower classes, no longer regard Antonescu and his regime as the cause of Rumania's downfall, but now regard King Mihai and his advisers, who treacherously ousted Antonescu, as the real grave-diggers of their homeland.
- 2. All this is a rather primitive and illogical reasoning by simple people but, Rumania being a land of peasants, this widespread feeling is significant. It stems partly from the bitter disillusionment the average Rumanian feels with regard to the Western Powers, who have so far failed to save them from the Soviet yoke.

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